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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is a response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003.

In rejecting the claims as being obvious over the prior art, the examiner has now relied upon four new references for rejecting the different embodiments of the invention, as exemplified by independent claims 1, 9, 17, 20, 21 and 22. Since the main reference the examiner relied upon continues to be Timm et al. U.S. patent 5,890,061, which has been discussed at length in the previous responses, as well as the interview dated June 4, 2003, this response will be directed only to the newly cited reference, as they are combined with Timm by the examiner for rejecting the independent claims.

Independent claims 1, 20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over the Timm U.S. patent 5,890,061 in combination with Tendler U.S. patent 5,736,962 and further in view of Goldberg U.S. patent 4,829,565.

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